TWO CENTS.

# N THE EVE OF THE BATTLE

Harrisburg Last Evening a Seething Turmoil of Political Excitement.

## DAY VICTORY PROBABLE

rst Official Move of the Republican egislators-Elect in Form of a aucus of Members Results in the roduction of 102 Votes for Marnall, the Stalwart Candidate, for beaker-Both Sides Are Confident Success.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. larrisburg. Dec. 31.-On the eve of organization of the legislature, rrisburg is tonight a seething turil of political excitement.

The first official move of the Repuban legislators-elect, in the form of caucus of members of the house, redted in what appears on the surface be a Quay victory. This was the oduction of 162 votes for Marshall, Allegheny, the stalwart Republican ndidate for speaker, just the numr necessary to elect him. The stalarts claim that they have several fore votes under cover, and gay they re perfectly satisfied with the situabut on the other hand the anti-Quay or "insurgent" Republicans indist that several of the votes produced tonight's caucus were bogus and that the best Marshall can do Is 97 otes, and that the insurgents with he Democrats will elect their candidate for speaker tomorrow and organize the house on an anti-Quay basis. The staiwart Republicans will control the organization of the senate without

Almost every political leader in the state is here tonight, and probably at no time since the fight against Mr. Quay began, more than five years ago, has the feeling been so intense. To add to the excitement, political clubs and cass bands from various cities and owns are filling the streets, and the isplay of red fire and other accesries is prodigious. Mr. Quay spent e day and night at his house, restg very quiefly, as he is far from He received occasional reports m his lieutenants, but declined to anything for publication.

h branches of the registature with the eventful caucus of Repub-Il be held to decide the senaquestion. The Quayites claim least the 127 necto elect their leader in joint ation on January 16, while the uavites are equally strenuous in declaration that Mr. Quay will be the senator.

## REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

of Legislators Who Responded to Roll Call at Meeting. lusive Wire from The Associated Press

arrisburg, Dec. 31 .- At the caucus Republican members of the house aight to agree on a candidate for peaker and other officers of the lower anch, one hundred of the 154 Repubcan members answered the roll call, wo were reported absent on account illness, and fifty-two were absent nd not accounted for. The two abentees on account of illness. Thompn, of Centre, and Haldeman, of ontgomery, were reported by their leagues as being in favor of the talwart Republican candidate speaker, William T. Marshall, of Alegheny. This would apparently give Marshall, who was chosen unanimousy, a majority of the 203 members of he house, but the anti-Quay Repubcan leaders claim that at least four their number were impersonated, that, moreover, while the caucus s in progress there were present at eeting of anti-Quay Republicans the Commonwealth Hotel, fiftyanti-Quay Republicans.

ollowing is a list of the Republiwhose names were answered to en the roll was called at the eakership caucus tonight:

hiladelphia-Selby, Maciver, Slater, th, Orr, Chew, Voorhees, Fahey, Ripp, Stull tes, Fulmer, Colville, Hutt, Hess, Keyser bel, Jones, Harrison, Cook, Henry, Bonham milton, Willard, Connell, Stone Allegheny county-Kopp, Marshall, Henderson McTighe.

rmstrong-Graff. eaver-Bricker, Kennedy. Redford-Miller. Bradford-Taylor ambria-Shumaker, Davis. Carbon-Stroh. Chester-Coryell, Lack, Cope, Fox. Rearfield-Harris, Alexander, Dauphin-Calder, Seal, Rutherford, Ulrich Delaware-Bliss, Newhard, Cooper. Erle-Mertens, Mulkie

Fayette-McCune, Arensherg, Davis, Franklin-Pomeroy. Huntingdon-Taylor, Montgomery. Indiana-Thompson, Leard. Jefferson-Hamilton. luniata-Beaver.

Lackawanna—Schener, James, Philbin. Lancaster—McClaro, Brosins, Homsher, Cassel raybill, Weaver. awrence-McConnell, McAnlis amerne-Haworth.

Mercer-Daugherty, Gibson, Morrison, Montgomery-Backer, Dehaven, Me Murphy. TY-Arnold

Potter-Raymond. Schuylkill-Garnec, Perrebee, Lei Susquehanna-Tiffany, Hill Tioga-Champaign. Varren-Baker Westmoreland-Stevens, Beacom, Vandyke.

## WERE NOT PRESENT.

Four Legislators Claim That They

Were Not in the Caucus. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Pres-Garrisburg, Dec. 31.-Messrs. Tif-

fany, Hill, Arnold and Alexander, who were recorded as being present and answering to their names at the house Republican caucus, stated after the gathering that they were not present and had given no person authority to answer for them. They said further that at the time of the caucus they were attending a conference of the anti-Quay Republicans at their headquarters at the Commonwealth hotel. The anti-Quay leaders claim that Mr. Taylor, of Bradford, who is alleged to have answered the roll-call, was also

#### not in attendance at the caucus. ANTIS IN CONFERENCE.

They Claim That Quay Is Short Six Votes on Speakership Contest. Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Dec,31 .- A secret conference of the anti-Quay Republicans was held tonight at which lifty-eight members were reported as present and pledging themselves to vote for rusion. Senator Martin, of Philadelphia, anti-Quay leader, said tonight:

"The caucus of the Quay people discloses the fact that they are six short of the number of votes necessary to elect a speaker of the house. The pretense they had men prese , who were not only absent but act dly tiking part in the anti-Quay cor a childish bluff. It work in 1895, in part in the anti-Quay co: a childish bluff. It work the chairmanship fight. This time ! only result of padding the roll is to bring out the indignant denials of the . s w hose names and misused and to hold the cheap Quay tricksters up to ridicule and humiliation. It also uncovers the desperation which drives them to such shallow tactics. Mr. Marshall will be defeated for speaker tomorrow and this will carry with it also the defeat of Mr. Quay."

#### DEMOCRATIC CA TCUS.

Adopt Resolutions Forming Fusion with Anti-Quay Republicans.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. His Asburg, Dec. 31.—A caucus of hold Democrats was held tonight, at which forty of the forty-nine members were present. Messrs. Shutt, Kain and Fal . of York, remained away from the meeting because of reasons persor I to themselves. The other abser les, Mesers, Naftsinger and Squibb. of Berks; Blumley, of Cameron; Garvin, of Adams: Jarnett, of Monroe, and Galvin, of Schuylkill, were accounted

A resolution was unanimously adopt ed in favor of fusion with the anti-Quay Republicans on an equitable basis on the organization. The Democrais will meet again at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to prepare a slate of officers and employes of the house and to further confer with the anti-Quay Republicans on fusion.

#### MR. QUAY'S STATEMENT.

#### Result of Senate and House Caucuses Entirely Satisfactory.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 31.-Colonel Quasaid at midnight:

The result of the senatorial and house ca cuses is entirely satisfactory to me. The vote is either caucus the stalwarts had not lost a single ember pledged to them, William P. Snyde vill tomorrow be elected president pro tem the senate: William T. Marshall will be chosen peaker of the house, and at the joint caucu-concrow night an elective majority will be present and endorse the candidacy of the party ma jority. The decisive result of the senate caucu moves all conjecture as to the organization the senate. In the house caucus a number of stalwarts were unable, by reason of illness and other incurmountable obstacles to be present lowever, they will be present tomorrow Mr. Marshall will be elected by a decisive ma jority. The organization and the senatorial cus will demonstrate that the representatives of the Republican party of Pennsylvania have voice the will of the people as expressed on Nov. in favor of the principles which have controlle the party since its organization and which may se expressed in the decision of the primaries the caucus and the will of the majority.

Senator Penrose said: Developments in the Republican caucuses tonight satisfy me that our caucus of the mem bership of the legislature is correct. The regu-lar Republicans will organize both the senate and the house and Colonel Quay will be elected

## REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

Holds Important Meeting at Harrisburg.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Aresa. Harrisburg, Dec. 21.-An executive meeting of the Republican state committee was held this afternoon, at which resolutions were introduced in favor of party regularity and recommending that Republican senators and members attend party caucuses and abide by their action. A resolution was also adopted endorsing the pending apportionment bill in congress, which gives Pennsylvania two addi-

tional congressmen Messrs, H. W. Bardwell, of Tunkhannock: Henry D. Saylor, of Pottstown: David H. Lane, of Philadelphia; Frank Fuller, of Uniontown, and O. D. Bleakley, of Oil City, were appointed a committee to suggest amendments to the Republican rules governing primary elections and report at the next meeting of the state committee. A meeting of the Republican chairmen throughout the state was held prior to the state committee meeting, at which resolutions were adopted in favor of party regularity.

## M'TIGHE COMES INTO CAMP.

#### An Anti-Quay Representative from Allegheny Enters Caucus.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 31 .- Representative John P. McTighe, of Allegheny, who was regarded as an anti-Quay Republican, gave out a statement this afterin which he says he has determined to enter the Republican caucus tonight for speaker and tomorrow night for United States senator and will be governed absolutely by their action.

Mr. McTighe adds that he is think ing and acting for himself and will leme the people of Pittsburg to judge to the correctness of his action.

## General Pochamer Killed.

Py Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Feelin, Dec. 31.—Lieutenant Gene was kilied today by an electric car. Dec. 31.-Lieutenant General Pochame

## PASSING OF THE CENTURY

The Event Is Fittingly Observed at Various Localities About the Gountry.

## PHILADELPHIA'S DISPLAY

The City Hall Presents a Magnificent Spectacle with the Brilliant Electrical Display in Which Thousands of Electric Lights Are Utilized. The Residents of Kansas City Enjoy a Twentieth Century Ball.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Pre Philadelphia, Jan. 1.-The passing of the nineteenth century was fittingly observed in this city by a spectacular municipal celebration, which included a military parade and pyrotechnic and electrical display. The great city hall and the historic state house were the centers of the celebrations, and great crowds gathered in the vicinity of each of these buildings. The observance officially began at 8.30 o'clock in the evening with a general illumination of the city. The city hall itself prosented a magnificent spectacle. Pine trees, on which were hung many varicolored lights, were grouped at each entrance and in the court yard of the building. From the sldewalk to the top of the statue of William Penn, which surmounts the third tallest work of man, was one blaze of light. Twenty thousand incandescent lights were used on the exterior of the struc, ire alone, which each of the more than six hundred rooms of the municipal palace was brilliantly lighted. In the state house twenty tallow candles were placed on each window sill, which added to the quaintness of the old hall.

At 9.30 p. m. the First brigade of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, consisting of the First, Second and Third regiments, and the State Fencibles, under command of Brigadier General John P. Schall, marched in review, Mayor Ashbridge having the post of honor on a grand stand at the city hall. As the troops passed Independence Hall the First regiment left the line and formed a hollow square in Independence Square and awaited the coming of the new century. The other commands marched to the city hall 'and formed a cordon around the building.

Then began a public reception, held by the mayor, in the handsomely decat 11.55 p. m., with the sound of "taps," all lights went out, and the multitude waited in the gloom as the last five his speech: minutes of the century were ticked off. On the stroke of midnight all lights were again turned on, and simultaneously a gorgeous display of fireworks burst forth from every point of the great building. The soldiers drawn up around the building fired a salute of twenty rounds, and at 12.15 a. m. reveille officially en. d the affair.

The observance at a gpendence Hall was simple, with a tinge of solemnity about it. The First regiment fired salute, then the deep-toned bell pealed out twenty strokes, one for each century, then one hundred and twenty-five strokes, symbolical of the years of independence of the country; then nineteen strokes, a Tacse and a single strike for 1901.

Religious services were held in nearly ill the churches. The weather was damp and forgy and the mist took some of the brilliance from the display.

## At Washington.

Washington; Dec. 31.-In 'accordance with directions given by Pope Leo, the closing of the Nineteenth and the beginning of the Twentieth century was observed with solemn high mass in all the Catholic churches of the city, beginning at midnight. At St. Patrick's church, Mgr. Martinelli, the papal delegate, celebrated pontificial high mass. Rev. Dr. Rooker, the secretary of the papal legation delivered the sermon. At St. Paul's Catholic church Mgr. Conaty, the rector of the Catholic university, preached the sermon, his topic being "Christ, the Salvation

of the New Century." Baron Hengelmuller, the Austrian minister, gave a large dinner party at his house tonight, at which a number of the diplomatic corps of continental Europe were guests. At the other legations and embassies there were festivities appropriate to the occasion. President McKinley witnessed the arrival of the new year in a very quiet way. He finished the usual evening business, which Secretary Cortelyou had prepared for his consideration. time before 12 o'clock. with Mr. Cortelyou and Mr. Abner Mckinley, the president awaited the hour of midnight in the cabinet room and when that time arrived, exchanged the felicitations of the occasion

with his companions. Mr. and Mrs. Abner McKinley ar rived here this evening and are staying at the white house as the guests the president. They came to attend the New Year's reception tomor-

## Twentieth Century Ball.

Kansas City, Dec. 31.-The century ball, the function to which all Kansas citizens have been looking forward for weeks past, took place tonight, the most extravagant hopes of its promoters being realized. The climax of the ball was reached at 12 o'clock, when 150 mer and women dressed in the pleturesque satume of the colonial days danced the minuet. The dancers, with their costumes, the spectators in the balconies and the elaborate decorations, combined to make one of the most eautiful pictures ever seen in Conven-A copper ball was so placed tion hall. at the ball that every one could drop in it a card with name, address and appropriate sentiment thereon. Besides such cards, photographs of the ball in progress and newspaper accounts of it were placed in the box.

The box is to be imbedded in one of the columns of Convention hall, to remain intact until one year hence, when it is to be opened and its contents will be read by the Kansas citizens of that

#### In Australia.

Melbourne, Jan. 1.-The new century and with it the new era of federation were ushered in for Australia with every sign of public rejoicing. This city is overflowing with visitors to such an extent that many have to be accommodated on passenger steamers in the harbor.

The streets were alive with people last evening, and when midnight struck, bells pealed and cannon boomed a welcome to the birthday of United Au 'ralias.

#### In London.

London, in 1.—The celebrations atthe birth of the new followed the usual course in London. There was a great gathering of Scots outside St. Paul's cathedral, where they sang "Auld Lang Syne" at midnight. Watch-night services were held in all the religious edi-

#### Midnight Mass at Rome.

Rome, Dec. 31 .- The pope celebrated midnight mass in his private chapel. Cardinal Rampolli, papal secretary of state, celebrated at St. Peter's cathedral, where there was a huge crowd, in spite of the rain.

#### BIRD COLER TO THE WORKINGMEN

Speech at a Dinner Given at Arlington Hall in New York City.

By Exclosive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 31.-A dinner was given tonight at Arlington hall, under the auspices of the workingmen of New York, and was called "Labors's Greeting to the Twentieth Century." It was projected by the committee of one hundred which was organized to call a convention on Jan. 14 next in Cooper Union to establish in New York city a federation or council of delegates from labor and reform societies which shall demand that legislators frame the will of the people on matters of the tenement house problem, sweatshop system, etc.

The following are the names of the speakers and the toasts that were at each place: Ernest H. Crosby, toast-master: "The Triumph of Labur," John Swinton; "The New Federation, A. J. Boulton; "Industrial Peace," Rishop Potter: "The Hours of Labor." George Merrill: "The Right to Live." Henry George, jr.: "The Ideal of Citizenship," R. Fulton Cutting; "Legislation." John Ford: "The People's Unity," Joseph Barondess; "The City of New York," Bird S. Coler; "Lators' Need," Michael A. Fitzg .orated rooms of his department, and ald, and "A Century Poem," by Edat 11.55 p. m., with the sound of "taps," ward Markham. Controller Coler said in the course of

The workingmen can accomplish anything they undertake if they will make their tool the ballet box instead of boycott. They have already workwonders for the betterment of their own ma terial conditions and they are just beginning to realize their power. If the intelligent laborin oen of this city will unite in the service of th general welfare, and remain united, they will contitute the greatest moral and physical power for good that ever exerted the municipality. they have not done so is largely because they don't stand together long enough.

Workingmen can by united, intelligent and grounds, better schools, more free libraries, mor

public baths,

There should be no fight between capital and labor and there will be none when brotherhood of man is established, but while we work towards the ideal existence and relation labor must learn and sharpen its wits, or it will struggle against heavy odds in every contest for and benefits. Capital can command the

seenest intelligence, the best education and em ploy all the tricks of law and politics. When a man is a candidate for a local office it is not essential to the interests of workingmen that he should belong to one of your unions and

subscribe to all your principles, but it is essential to your welfare and the best interest of the city hat he be intelligent and honest. John Swinton said the greatest fact

of the century was the introduction of Caliban to Cadmus. "I mean that the Caliban of Earth, labor, is learning to read. He is trying to spell the biggest word in the vocabulary 'right.' When he finds out the meaning

ook out, ye rapscallions, Caliban is staring at another word, 'wrong,' He sees it written everywhere. When he gets the full meaning of that word, ook out. In the nineteenth century the Caliban has begun to think. The hordes of the lower earth are beginning to think and it is time for the evildoers."

## Trouble in Venezuela.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Curacon, Island of Curacoa, Dec. 21.-The diple natic controversy over the rival asphalt interest Venezuela is approaching an acute stage. The Venezucian government ignores the protests o Washington against the semi-official conspiracy to New York and Bermudas com illegally of the Bermudese asphalt lake. Mr. Francis B. Loomis, United States minister at Caracas, is atriving for a peaceful solution of the

## Shot His Reputed Wife.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Altoons, Pa., Dec. 31.-Jim Green, colored was arrested tonight on the charge of shooting his reputed wife. Mary Green, a white woman. She was sitting at her fireside about 8 o'clock when a builet fired through the keyhole of the door lodged in her shoulder. She was taken to the hospital. Jim had been seen lurking about the place. The couple had not been living to-gether for some months, and Jim is supposed to have been actuated by jealousy.

## Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 31 .-- Arrived: Pretoria, from New York, Hamburg: Statendam, Rotterdam; Astoria, Glas-gow, Cleared: Teuertonic, Liverpool; New York Southampton, Naples-Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm II. New York, for Genoa. Antwerp—Arrived Southwark, New York, via Southampton. Salled Noordland, New York. Lizard—Passed: Rotter dam, New York, for Rotterdan

## Sale of an Old Newspaper.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Trenton, Dec. 31.-The State Gazette, which was established in 1792, was sold today by the John L. Murphy estate to Henry W. Comfort, Charles B. Case and Charles H. Baker, all of Trenton. The State Gazette has a daily and weekly edition and has been the Republican orthe state since the birth of the party

# **FIRST ROUND**

Battle of the Organization of Legislation Fought in Gauguses Won for Party Regularity.

## MARSHALL FOR SPEAKER

And Senator Snyder Is Selected a Republican Choice for President Pro Tempore of the Senate-Representative Reynolds Bids Farewell to His L..ckawanna County Associates-Harrisburg in Possession of a Noisy Mob.

Editorial Correspondence of The Tribune, Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 31.-The first round of the battle for the organization of the legislature and for the election of a United States senator was fought in tonight's caucuses and won for party regularity by the selection of Senator Snyder as the Republican hoice for president pro tempore of the senate and by the designation of William T. Marshall, of Allegheny, as the majority choice for speaker. The legislature will organize at noon tomorrow on these lines. In the house caucus Lackawanna county was represented by Representatives Scheuer, James and Philbin. During the day when it became known that Representative Revnolds had definitely decided to succumb to the blandishments of the insurgents he was bidden an earnest farewell. On the house slate committee Lackawanna is represented by Mr. Scheuer and his one request will be for the appointment of George Marshall as message clerk.

Tonight Harrisburg is in the possession of a howling mob, with bands, uniforms and banners, who open things up for Matthew Stanley Quay. It has been the most picturesque political and I think we should emphasize it more than struggle in the history of the commonwealth and the insurgents are yet claiming victory, but they are counting without their host. Fusion is dead. The Democrats cannot longer be en-trapped into a barren alliance with a revolting Republican minority and will this time block by themselves.
Livy S. Richard.

## BUSINESS OF 1900.

Condition of Trade as Indicated by Dun's Review of Trade.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 31,-Dun's Review in its summary, reviewing the business of the year just closed, will say regarding the leading markets:

Conditions in iron and steel during 1900 were much more sound than in the preceding year, when speculation was rife and prices inflated far beyond the bounds of reason. The statistics of the weekly capacity of furnaces in blast show that the highest point on record was reached February 1, while there was little diminution during the next few months. But, with the collapse of speculation during the spring, and realization of the fact that operations had been overdone, there came a steady reduction in output. From 296 furnace in blast on February 1, there followed a continual shutting down until but 201 were in operation on November and the weekly production decreased 82,710 tons. Even at this rapid rate of declining output, stocks accumulated with startling rapidity and on October 1 the top was reached at 670,534 tons. These conditions were satisfactory, however, and demand expanded, while exports of finished products grew very heavy when prices reached a level that made competition possible with British and German producers. In two months, ending December 1, furnace stocks of pig iron decreased 113 895 tons, and the tone was so much improved that many idle furnaces re-

Manufactured articles have moved along similar lines. Quotations of iron and steel products at the beginning of the year were little below the level prevailing thirteen years previous and the fall was almost uninterrupted until October, when the average was but 63 .-68 per cent. of the figure prevailing

January 1, 1887. It is difficult to select any branch of this industry as being pushed harder than another. Railway supplies of all kinds have sold very freely and the market is flooded with urgent orders for freight cars. Structural material. particularly for bridges and ships, has been in much better demand than supply. Steel rails were reduced from last year's price of \$35 to \$26, but it was an open secret that the former figure had only been nominal for months prior to the official change in September. Contracts for 1,200,000 tons, deliverable during 1901, have been placed at \$26 and numerous export orders also suggest the probability that the list will be maintained.

#### Congressman Lentz Will Contest. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Congressman John Lentz, of this district, today served formal notice on Congressman-elect Emmet Tompkins that he will contest the latter's seat in the house. Mr. Lentz stated that he will base his claim of charges of wholesale bribery and fraud in the

Associate Judge of Cameron. Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 31 .- Governor Stone today appointed George A. Walker, of Emporium, asso-ciate judge of Cameron county, vice J. C. Bon-

ount of the ballots.

## THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today.

FAIR; COLDER.

General—Harrisburg in a Political Turmoil. Party Regularity Wins First Round. Commercial Crisis in the Philippines.

Local-Effect of the Elimination of Individual Operators.

Argument of the Viaduct Case. Editorial.

General-Carbondale Department,

Note and Comment Local-Street Railway Traffic Opened Up.

Ex-Councilmen Must Resign from Board Local-West Scranton and Suburban. General-Northeastern Pennsylvania.

8 Local-Live News of the World of Labor.

## HELEN GOULD'S GREETING TO NAVY

Letters Sent in Her Capacity of Second Vice President of the International Women's Auxiliary of Y. M. C. A.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 31.-In November Miss Helen Miller Gould in her capacity of second vice president of the International Women's Auxiliary Young Men's Christian associations, addressed a letter of Christmas greeting to the enlisted men of the Later a reply was sent to Miss Gould by the acting secretary of the navy. This, in turn, elicited a response from Miss Gould. Today the correspondence was made public by the navy department. It follows:

To the enlisted men of the United States pavy; My dear friends: An invitation has been given me to write you a short letter of Christmas erceting and I accept it gladly, for since the Spanish war I have felt a warm interest in our allors and soldiers.
As Christmas day approaches, with its message

peace and good will, our thoughts turn erently to the Christ whose birth we still cele-trate lovingly, although nineteen centuries have clapsed since His coming. His life and teachings are still the wonder of the world, for He taught the love of God as a father, the brotherhood of man and the love of righteousness; and His beautiful life exemplified his theories. Human life took on a new aspect and he gave it a wider meaning than it ever possessed before. His idea of the brotherhood of all is very beautiful,

During the past year the members of our men's auxiliary has become deeply interested in everything that concerns the welfare of the enlisted men of our navy and army and our president. Mrs. McAlpin has asked me to extend you a cordial greeting and sincers good wishes, Hoping you will all have a happy Christmas and a bright year, I remain Very sincerely,

Helen Miller Gould.

Nov. 22, 1900. Navy Department. Washington, Dec. 18, 1900. Dear Miss Gould: A copy of the Christman letter, addressed by you as second vice presi-

the Young Men's Christian association, to the nlisted men of the navy, has just been brough to my observation.

I have read it with lively interest. The secre tary of the navy, after reading it, has expressed to me his grateful appreciation of your thought fulness. It is with a peculiar pleasure that act upon the suggestion of the secretary and tell you how sincerely the department is gratified at this fresh illustration of the interest you have so steadily evinced in the welfare of the enlister

ient of the International Women's auxiliary

men of the navy. In thanking you, the secretary and myself de but voice the thanks, as we believe of every sailor who is cheered by the receipt of your beautiful and appropriate letter.

Yours respectfully Frank W. Hackett. Miss Helen Gould.

Fifth avenue, New York, 570 Firth avenue Mr. Frank W. Hackett, assistant secretary, navy department, Washington: Dear Sir: It was quite a surprise to

your kind letter thanking me in behalf of the secretary and yourself for my letter of Christmas greeting to the collisted men of the navy and I assure you I greatly appreciated your sending it. In our society we are much interested in work for the soldiers and sailors, and we are aiding the army and navy department of the Young Men's Christian association to the extent of our

ability. Personally, I have felt a warm interest in patriotic work ever since the Spanish war and I think I may add that I have been touched and surprised to have my efforts meet with so much more appreciation than they deserve. Thanking you again for your letter and wish ing you and Secretary Long a hoppy new year, I Very sincerely Helen Miller Gould.

#### Dec. 29, 1900. MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Charlotta Brown and Miss Lillie Brown Suffer a Horrible Fate. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Dec. 31.-Mrs. Charlotta Brown and her daughter, Lillie, aged 22 years, were burned to death at their ome, 1263 Lake street, Allegheny, to-There is considerable mystery day. about the origin of the fire, one story being to the effect that the daughter, after quarreling with her mother, de liberately set fire to the clothing of both. A neighbor says Mrs. Brown told her Lillie did the deed because she had been mad at her since Christmas. The hospital authorities, however, say that before Mrs. Brown died she said her daughter was set afire by the explosion of a lamp, and in going to her assistance she (Mrs. Brown) was also enveloped in flames. women were horribly burned and lived

only a short time. Mrs. Brown is said to have con here from Wheeling, W. Va., where she has a daughter living.

## Bridge Workers Strike.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburg, Dec. 31.—Tomorrow morning one housand bridge workers of Pittsburg and vicinity will strike to enforce a demand for an advanc-in wages from 27 cents an hour for an eight-hour day to 33 1-3 cents an hour for a nine-hour day.

## Killed His Wife.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 21.-J. O. Davis, living in the suburbs of this city, shot and killed his night, mistaking her for a burgiar.

# **CRISIS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

Gommercial Interests in Archipelago Are Confronted by Serious . retary Difficulties.

#### URGENT CABLE MESSAGE

Taft Commission Appeals to Congress-Stock of Silver in the Islands Rapidly Diminishing-Substitute Needed for the Mexican Dollar-Impossibility of Maintaining the Arbitrary Ratio of Two to One.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 31.-The secretary of war has communicated to congress a cable message from the Philippine commission indicating a grave crists in the monetary affairs of the archipelago. The message was communicated to congress in connection with a mass of memoranda bearing on the problem which is now to be solved as to the coinage of some kind of silver to take the place of the Mexican dollar in the Philippines.

The commission has cabled that the stock of silver in the islands is rapidly diminishing, and urgently requests an answer to the message sent by it on September 5, setting forth the necessity for prompt action, and asking what remedy should be applied.

It has been found impossible, apparently, to continue the ratio of 2 to 1 established and maintained arbitrarily, and the Mexican money is being drained away very rapidly toward China and India, making it difficult for the army disbursing officers to transact their business.

#### CIVIC RULE IN PHILIPPINES.

# The Commission's New Bill Provides

for Land Taxation. Manila, Dec. 31.-The Philippine commission has completed the preparation of a general municipal government bill, The provisions, in many respects, are similar to General MacArthur's order establishing municipal governments and authorizing elections; but they are much more elaborate, covering all de-

The most important new feature is the establishment of land taxation, doing away with the sedula, or head tax, and taxation on occupations. A feature new to the Philippines is that the revenue from land taxes is to be expended where it is collected. The manner of holding elections and the duties A decision in the San Jose Medical

#### Saturday. OMAHA TAKES ACTION.

college case has been deferred until

Councils Will Offer a Reward for the Capture of Cudahy Kinnappers.

ly Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 31 .- At a specially called meeting of the city council, that body today unanimously adopted a concurrent resolution offering a re-ward of \$25,000 for the apprehension and conviction of the desperadoes who abducted Edward Cudahy, jr., on the night of Dec. 18. For the arrest and conviction of one, the resolution provides a reward of \$8,000; for two, \$15,-000 will be paid, and the whole amount

is offered for the three principals. The council also asked Mr. Cudahy to withdraw his offer of a reward of an equal amount for the capture the criminals. The object of the city offer is largely to relive Mr. Culan and his family of the fear of reprisa from the bandits and to remove fro he police and detectives the restrain they have felt in trailing the bandi on account of the very trying position which Mr. Cudahy has

#### placed. PNEUMONIA IN DENVER.

Members of Theatrical Companies III with the Prevalent Disease.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Denver, Dec. 31.-Pneumonia is prevalent in Denver and several prominent members of theatrical companies playng here are ill with the disease. Adele Rafter and Belle Fremont, of the Bostonians, have been sick for several days and have been compelled to remain in Denver while the company goes on to Omaha.

Miss Fremont's condition is very serious. Miss Pursell, of the "My Friend from India" company, is in a critical condition at St. Joseph's hospital.

## Strike at Lace Milis.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 31.-The strike at the W oming Valley lace mills, this city, which been on for nine months, was amicably sett this evening. The settlement is the result c conference between the executive board of Amalgamated Association of Lace Makers America and J. C. Atkin, superintendent of mill. All the old hands, numbering 300, cturn to work on Wednesday.

Senator Washburn Firm.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Pr Harrisburg, Dec. 31 .- A committee of P cratic members waited upon Senator Crawford today and asked him if his f statement that he would attend the Repu caucus and be bound by its action was The senator said that his position was set forth in this statement and that he ha ing to add or to retract.

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Washington, Dec. St.-Foreca Tuesday and Wednesday: Eastern sylvania-Fair, much colder Tuesda wave at night, Wednesday, da cold: fresh northerly winds